

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

FAMILIES ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE IN
MONTANA

Subject:
Dual Participation – Commodities/
Food Stamps

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References: 7 CFR 273.1; 7 CFR 253.7(3), 7 CFR 281.1 (C) 7 CFR 281.7

GENERAL RULE--Households certified in either the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or the Food Stamp Program on the first day of the month can only receive benefits in the program for which they are currently certified for the month. Until an automated match can be instituted, the following procedure has been established to prevent and detect dual participation.

► **NOTE:** If an applicant household has individuals who are both required food stamp filing unit members and currently certified for FDPIR, none of the household members can receive food stamps until verification of FDPIR certification termination has been received for all required food stamp household members (see FMFS 201-1 for the definition of required household members).

► **EXAMPLE:** A husband and wife apply for stamps. He has an open certification with FDPIR but has not received commodities for several months. Neither household member can receive food stamps until verification is received that his FDPIR certification has been terminated.

RESERVATION AND ADJACENT COUNTIES

Form DPHHS- FD-002 "Interagency Notice of Certification/Change of Program" must be sent to the FDPIR certification office at application, redetermination, closure or when a change in household composition is reported for the following cases:

1. The household resides on an Indian reservation; OR
2. The household lives in the service area for FDPIR and there is a household member that is an enrolled tribal member of any tribe.

The forms shall be sent to the FDPIR program on a weekly basis. A screen print of the HOSU screen can be attached so the demographic section does not have to be completed by the worker.

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RESERVATION	COUNTY	SERVICE AREA
Salish-Kootenai (Flathead) FDPIR Box 757 Saint Ignatius 59865 745-4115	Missoula Lake Sanders Flathead	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundary of the Reservation.
Blackfeet FDPIR Box 3003 Browning 59417 338-7340	Glacier Pondera	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundary of the Reservation. *Households with a least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) living in Santa Rita, Cut Bank, Valier, Dupuyer or Summit.
Crow FDPIR 409 Crooke Hardin 59034 665-2523	Big Horn Yellowstone Carbon	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. * Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within five miles of the exterior boundary, excluding the portion which lies within the boundaries of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. * Households residing within the municipal limits of the city of Hardin who have at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe).
Fort Belknap Rural Route 1 Box 2728 Harlem 59526 353-2205 ext 485	Blaine Phillips	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. * Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside in or near the communities of Harlem, Dodson, Zortman, Landusky, and Zurich.
Fort Peck FDPIR Box 1027 Poplar 59255 768-5321	Daniels Roosevelt Sheridan Valley Richland McCone	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within twenty miles of the Reservation including those residing in or near communities of Nashua, Glasgow, Culbertson, Froid, or Medicine Lake.

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RESERVATION	COUNTY	SERVICE AREA
Northern Cheyenne FDPIR Box 128 Lame Deer 59043 477-8278	Big Horn Rosebud	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside within ten miles of the boundaries of the reservation, excluding those who reside within the boundaries of the Crow Reservation.
Rocky Boy FDPIR (Chippewa-Cree) Box 544 Rocky Boy Route Box Elder 59521 395-4315	Chouteau Hill	*Indian and non-Indian households within the exterior boundaries of the reservation. *Households with at least one enrolled tribal member (any tribe) who reside in or near the community of Box Elder.

OTHER COUNTIES

If the worker has reason to believe the applicant/ recipient might be on the FDPIR program, they should phone the FDPIR program(s). The worker may also choose to send form DPHHS -FD- 002 to the FDPIR program.

**INFORMATION
FROM FDPIR**

The FDPIR certification offices will send one of the following to the Office of Public Assistance for the county in which the participant resides:

- ◆ A weekly list of all participants on FDPIR; or
- ◆ Weekly updates via Form DPHHS -FD-002 and a monthly list of all participants to the participant's county of residence.

Counties should review the list and FD-002 forms to check for possible duplicates.

**DUAL
PARTICIPATION**

If dual participation is identified, the FDPIR and FS certification offices need to communicate to evaluate who will be responsible for pursuing the overpayment. Generally, the program which provided the duplicate benefit will be required to pursue repayment. Exceptions will be made when the participant failed to report a change in status timely or when the initial issuance site made an administrative error.

EXAMPLE: Fort Peck Distribution Program certified the household in September. Commodities were provided in both September and October. In October the household applied in Richland

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County OPA and was approved for October food stamps. The public assistance office is required to pursue the repayment.

NOTE:

If the household did not report receiving commodities on the application, a disqualification for intentional program violation should be pursued. An individual disqualified for intentional program violation on the Food Stamp Program is disqualified from not only the food stamp program but also from receiving commodities from FDPIR.

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